

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all previous versions, and listings of claims in the present application.

Claim 1. (Original) A fuel tank welding joint for connecting a fuel tank to a prescribed member, the fuel tank welding joint comprising:

a joint main body including (i) a welded edge portion that is configured to be thermally welded to a wall of the fuel tank and (ii) a tube portion for connecting a hose, the tube portion having a connecting passage to connect an interior of the fuel tank and the prescribed member; and

a barrier layer formed on a surface of the joint main body,

wherein the joint main body is made of a first resin material that is weldable to a wall of the fuel tank, and

the barrier layer is made of a second resin material that is adhesively and chemically reactive with the first resin material and that is more fuel impermeable than the first resin material, the barrier layer having an end portion formed so as to extend past an end of the tube portion.

Claim 2. (Original) The fuel tank welding joint according to claim 1, wherein the barrier layer is formed on the surface of the joint main body along the connecting passage.

Claim 3. (Original) The fuel tank welding joint according to claim 2, wherein the end portion comprises a hose catch for holding the hose, the hose catch having a greater diameter than an outer circumference of the end of the tube portion.

Claim 4. (Original) The fuel tank welding joint according to claim 3, wherein the barrier layer comprises an umbrella-shaped portion that engages with the joint main body.

Claim 5. (Original) The fuel tank welding joint according to Claim 1, wherein the first resin material is a modified olefinic resin containing a polar functional group and the second resin material is selected from the group of polyamide and polyacetal.

Claims 6-20 are withdrawn from consideration without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 21-23 as follows:

Claim 21. (New) The fuel tank welding joint according to claim 1, further comprising:

- (i) a lid including the joint main body;
- (ii) a case main body mounted on the lid, the case main body having a valve chamber connected to the connecting passage; and
- (iii) a float accommodated in the valve chamber, the float rising and falling according to a level of fuel in the fuel tank,

wherein the lid, the case main body, and the float form a fuel cut-off valve opening and closing the connecting passage according to a level of fuel in the fuel tank.

Claim 22. (New) The fuel tank welding joint according to claim 21, wherein the barrier layer is formed on the surface of the joint main body along the connecting passage.

Claim 23. (New) The fuel tank welding joint according to claim 22, wherein the end portion includes a hose catch for holding the hose, the hose catch having a greater diameter than an outer circumference of the end of a tube portion of the joint main body.
